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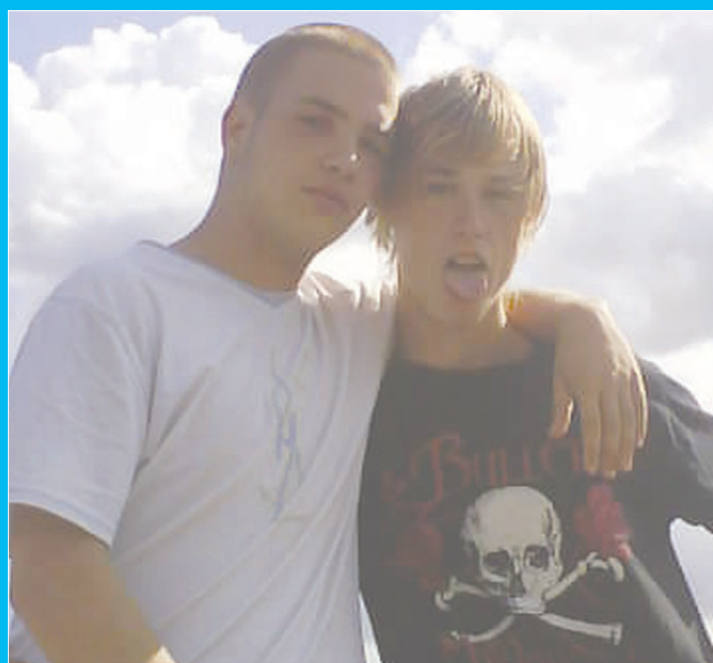
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ROAD VICTIM OPENS EYES

William Roberts, left, pictured with a friend, is in intensive care after being hit by a car in London Road, Dover, on August 18. William opened his eyes for the first time since the accident on Sunday.

EXCLUSIVE

BY MARIJKE COX

A DISTRAUGHT mother has spoken of her anguish at being told her son could die after saving the life of his girlfriend in Dover.

William Roberts, 17, was rushed to intensive care at the Royal London Hospital after a road accident which left him with severe head injuries and seemingly little chance of survival.

But following surgery to relieve pressure on his brain, the teenager has been moved to a high-dependency unit, where on Sunday he opened his eyes for the first time since he was knocked down by a car.

The former Canterbury High School pupil had been walking hand-in-hand with his girlfriend, Danielle Watson, 16, across London Road in Dover on Monday, August 18, when he was struck by a black Vauxhall Safira.

Danielle, who lives just yards from the accident site, said the car came around the corner and William pushed her out of the way before being hit himself.

An eyewitness told the devastated teenager that William had saved her life.

His mother, Michelle, 36, said his heroic act was not out of character and that her "funny and kind" son had also saved his younger brother when he was just 11.

She said: "Matthew jumped into the school pond when he was very little and had it not been for William going in after him he would have drowned."

"He would have pushed anyone out of the way of that car."

Michelle, who has spent almost every day at her son's bedside, spoke to Yourdover about the

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STORMY WEATHER: Town council is calling on the public to help give tourism in Dover a boost

What do you think about our tourism?

BY NICK AMES

DOVER Town Council is seeking ideas from the public about how to save Dover's flagging tourist industry.

Residents have hit out about the lack of shops and facilities, claiming these, along with the rundown buildings, are pushing tourists away.

And many have criticised plans to use a £3.8 million Government grant awarded to Dover last month on a cable-car linking the Western Docks with the castle.

The town's tourist providers have said they are delighted with the announcement that money is coming in but have suggested a number of other ways it could be spent.

Richard Mahoney, who runs White Cliffs Boat Tours, said: "I'm in contact with most of the tourist providers and the White Cliffs Country Tourism Association, so I know the general feeling.

"Everyone thinks the money is not going to be spent in the right way. Why spend it on one tourist attraction when there are 27 others here that need funding?"

Now, in an attempt to help the tourist industry, the town council is pushing for a stronger partnership between itself, the district council and Dover Harbour Board.

In addition, the deputy mayor of Dover, Cllr Sue Jones, is inviting

members of the public to give their views on what they think should be done.

She said: "We need to be realistic and pragmatic about what we can do. If we look around and see what other coastal towns have done, we can learn from them and take the best of what they've achieved.

"We mustn't be too proud to ask them how they've done it - we don't want to reinvent the wheel.

"But one of the most important things is to find out what the public want.

"For example, it would be great to have a fish stall or somewhere that sells hot food on the promenade. There is so much space down there that is not being used.

"This is all about what we can all do together to bring people back into Dover."

However, despite a lack of tourism in the area, the hotel industry in the town has been on the up.

Cllr Jones said: "There are a lot more people coming and staying in hotels here.

"But there still seems to be a lack of tourists spending time and money in the town.

"If we could bring together places such as the Painted House, the Western Heights and some of the other main attractions, it would be great.

"Tourism is a large focus for the town council this year."

• Give your views at www.dover-tourism.co.uk.

'I can't describe the pain or hurt'

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anguish she has felt throughout the ordeal.

She said: "I can't describe the pain or the hurt. It's not just that first moment when you hear your child is in intensive care.

"Every day you walk in and it's your child's body, but not the person who chose to make the conscious decision to save the life of another human being.

"For four days we thought he was going to die, but he's past that now. He's had neurosurgery and a tracheotomy.

"As it stands, you can never tell how someone will recover from a brain injury. We've been told that his personality could be affected."

Michelle, who has five other children, also revealed her feelings about her son's girlfriend.

"Danielle has only known William for two weeks and yet she came to the hospital and told me she felt my pain.

"She also spoke to the press. It's very upsetting."

Danielle told a national newspaper she is receiving counselling for her trauma and that if it hadn't been for William they would "both be battling for their lives or be dead".

Michelle said: "He is 18 next month but won't be able to do what other teenagers do for a long time, if at all.

"We've played music to him - DJ Ironik's Stay With Me. The lyrics say 'Don't fall asleep too soon'. It's our song for him.

"I placed one headphone on him and the other on me and as soon as it began playing I started to cry - and I'm sure he cried too.

"He had water near his eyes and doctors said it could be tears."

Customs swoop on second ciggie batch

A SECOND large haul of cigarettes in less than a week has been discovered by Customs officers at the Port of Dover.

UK Borders Agency staff discovered some six million cigarettes concealed in a cargo of frozen fruit after stopping a lorry at the Eastern Docks.

The haul was the second to be found in just a few days at the port, with the estimated revenue evasion about £900,000.

The driver of the lorry, Ronan Hughes, 27, from County Fermanagh in Northern Ireland, has been charged with duty evasion and appeared at Dover court.

He pleaded not guilty and will attend court again in Dover on October 23.

More than seven million cigarettes were discovered in a cargo of grapes on Sunday, August 24, at the port.

The driver of the lorry, Efthymios Galanopolus, 43, from Greece, has been charged.

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Why silence over plans for theatre?

BY MARIJKE COX

RESIDENTS in Deal have been questioning the future of the Astor Theatre after almost a month's silence from the town council.

During a public meeting at the end of July, four possible candidates came forward to take over the running of the theatre following the resignation of its former chairman Jon Johansson.

Each applicant gave a presentation stating why they should be considered for the position and Deal Town Council then selected two out of the four.

Since then, however, little has been heard about what is going on.

But Mayor of Deal Cllr Bill Gardner insists plans are moving forward and that a meeting with the public will be held at the end of September.

Financial

He also stressed the need to keep certain details private, including any financial aspects, which is why he thinks members of the public feel they are being kept in the dark.

Mr Gardner said: "We've had meetings with the two applicants we selected and things are still going ahead, but certain aspects need to remain private."

"Submissions will be made in public, but it has to be understood that not every detail will be discussed at the meeting in September."

"People are very concerned about the future of the Astor Theatre, but I want them to know that everything is still moving forward."

Of the four original applicants, James Tillitt from Deal Arts Management Ltd and pan-



WHITHER THE FUTURE? There's 'no need to worry' about the popular Astor Theatre, according to the Mayor of Deal

tomime impresario Kevin Wood have been chosen.

Both will submit their cases at the meeting in September and from there the town council will make a decision as to who will run the theatre.

Mr Johansson, who runs an international music company, was chairman of the Astor for six years but surrendered the lease on July 31.

In an interview with Yourdover last year he

spoke about the "negativity" of a handful of people in the town concerning his involvement with the theatre.

But following his departure, Cllr Gardner insists its future is a positive one despite past problems with funding.

He said: "Whenever I'm out in the town, I'm approached by people asking what's going on and I want them to know that there is no need to worry."

Opinions sought on water consumption

A CONSULTATION by Folkestone and Dover Water Services is coming to an end.

The company has been drafting its 25-year Water Resources Management Plan with the help of local organisations and consumer groups.

The public were also invited to give their comments.

Chris Taylor, FDWS head of capital delivery and asset management, said the aim had been to get a wide range of views.

He said: "To ensure a secure and sustainable water supply we need to plan on a long term basis and consulting with key stakeholders and our customers is an important part of this process."

"We undertake regular research to find out the priorities of our customers and hold detailed discussions with the Consumer Council for Water."

The plan aims to reduce water use per person per day to 120 litres instead of the current UK average of more than 150 litres.

The final plan will be published next year following approval by government and regulators.

• For more information about FDWS, visit www.FDWS.co.uk.

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Discover the benefits of the Freedom Bus Pass, recently rolled out across the Dover district

Get on board for the big cruise show

THE world's largest-ever cruise campaign is being launched next week to show people the diversity of cruising.

Specialist cruise agent GoCruise is supporting the first National Cruise Week by holding a show at the Ramada Hotel in Whitfield on Friday, September 12.

The week, which runs from September 7-14, has been organised by the Association of Cruise Experts (ACE).

Andy Harmer, business development director of ACE, said: "Cruising is becoming ever more popular, but there are still some misconceptions about the industry."

"National Cruise Week is a great way to show that there really is a cruise for everyone."

"The choice now offered by companies is immense - there is a cruise to suite all ages and all pockets - you can find intimacy or full-on fun, snow or sun, desert or jungle, relaxation or activity. The choice is truly endless."

Some 2,000 travel agencies around the UK are promoting National Cruise Week.

• For more information about the event at the Ramada Hotel, phone 01795 477477.

Lib-Dems launch fierce attack on incinerator plans

DOVER'S Liberal Democrats are campaigning to stop potential plans for an incinerator being built in Whitfield.

An investigation by Channel Four in July revealed a list of possible sites, including one in Dover, where incinerators could be built to help deal with the amount of waste across the country.

But despite Kent County Council insisting it may never happen, Dover's Liberal Democrats have highlighted their opposition to the idea.

Cllr Clive Meredith, leader of the group, said: "We are fiercely opposed to further waste incineration until the district reaches better recycling targets."

"Labour and Conservatives on the county council voted against this proposal when it was first mooted, but now we find that it has been sanctioned after all."

But a spokesman at KCC said the proposals were simply part of the Waste Development Framework and were "nothing new".

Cllr Meredith said: "It should be the aim for all of us to reduce our carbon footprint to avoid climate change and damaging the environment."

"Kent has very little landfill capacity and we do need to take action. But we have the worst recycling rates in the country."

"Let's tackle this first before rushing into more incinerators."

At least 30 councils across Britain have identified possible locations for incinerators, with four sites put forward in Kent, including Richborough, Tilmanstone and Whitfield.

The county council, however, said it was still too early to consider one being built and was a long way off from any firm decisions.

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THE fund to restore the 1890 Leas Step Lift Carriage has now raised £17,500 of the £25,000 needed.

The restoration appeal was set up in October 2006 to raise funds to turn the last surviving stepped lift carriage into a tourist attraction.

It seized operation in 1966 when the eastern tracks linking the Leas to the seaford were closed.

In 1985, one of the stepped carriages was removed and dismantled by Shepway District Council; the other was given to the Dover Transport Museum.

Twenty years later, it was returned to Folkestone by the efforts of local campaigner Robert Moulton, and the appeal was launched to raise the cash for its restoration started.

When complete, it is hoped it will be put on display in the town with other remnants Folkestone's heritage

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Tory parliamentary hopeful Damian Collins finishes his sandcastle

Fat of the land figures highlight rise in obesity

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A NEW 'fat map' of the UK has revealed that almost one in ten patients registered with a GP in the eastern and coastal Kent area is obese.

The figures, revealed by health information experts Dr Foster Research, also suggest the problem may be getting worse when compared with results of two years ago.

But despite 8.3 per cent of patients in the area, including Dover and Shepway, being overweight, other parts of the county have been revealed as worse.

Statistics for Medway PCT showed 9.4 per cent of patients as obese, although West Kent PCT, covering Maidstone and Gravesend, came out with just 7.2 per cent.

Other regions across the UK reached as high as 15.5 per cent, with others as low as 5.3 per cent.

The research was compiled by Dr Foster Research using data from GP practices in the Quality and Outcomes Framework.

This includes a register of patients aged 16

TWENTY 'FATTEST' PLACES IN THE UK (IN PER CENT)

Barnsley	10.8	Isle of Wight	9.6
North Lincolnshire	10.7	Dudley	9.5
Doncaster	10.1	County Durham	9.4
Stoke-on-Trent	10.0	Medway	9.4
Wolverhampton	10.0	Barking & Dagenham	9.3
Blackpool	9.9	Hartlepool	9.3
Knowsley	9.9	Wakefield	9.3
Northumberland	9.9	Walsall Teaching	9.3

Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT came out with 8.3 per cent and West Kent with a lower figure of 7.2 per cent.

and above with a body mass index of 30 or over in the past 15 months.

Alex Young, senior project manager at Dr Foster Research, said: "We need to wait a few more years before we can say definitely that things are getting worse."

"There does, however, seem to be a growing problem in some areas."

"We are seeing parts of the outlying regions being affected rather than just the urban areas."

But a spokesman at Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT (ECK PCT) said the Trust was working hard to tackle the problem of obesity.

He said: "We are working closely with local councils, community and voluntary organisations to tackle the issue."

"The PCT has a long-term plan which, in partnership with the community, requires a change in the way we live our lives so that we can help address obesity."

"Experts agree that more exercise and a balanced diet are two good ways to help lead a healthier lifestyle."

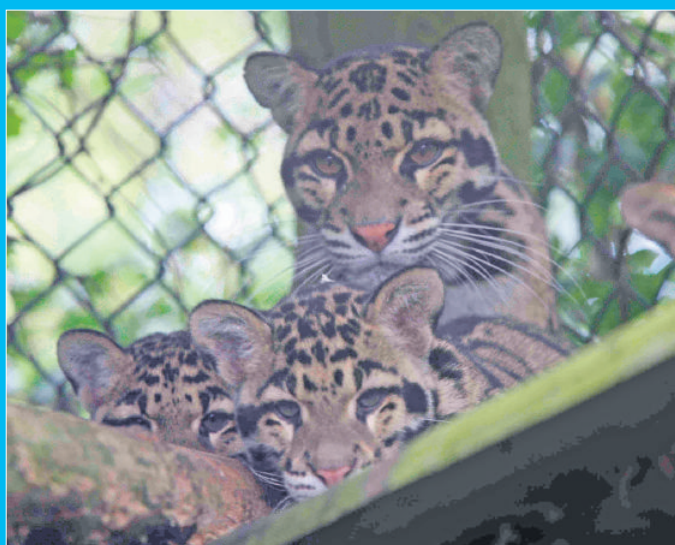
Exercise

Ways in which the PCT is helping the problem include a weight management scheme in pharmacies and an exercise referral initiative that provides subsidised access for appropriate patients to exercise classes.

A healthy schools programme highlighting exercise and a healthy diet has also been rolled out, as well as a healthy walks project.

More than £700,000 has also been invested in a scheme to encourage families and children to be educated about the importance of healthier diets and exercise.

SPOT THE SNOW LEOPARDS



Four clouded leopard cubs have been born as part of the Aspinall Foundation's breeding programme for endangered species.

Male and female cubs were born to pairs Nhi-Ha and Nanyo and Ben and Mandalay.

Visitors to Howletts can view the cubs as they come out to play most days in their enclosure.

The park has housed clouded leopards since the 1960s.

The animals are originally from South-East Asia but are under threat as much of their habitat has been lost to deforestation.

They are also hunted illegally for use in Chinese medicine.

Notorious for being difficult to breed, the male of the species is aggressive towards the females, and cubs suffer a high mortality rate.

Jim Vassie, head of the cats section at the zoo, said: "Generally, breeding of these animals is especially difficult in captivity, but currently with 23 clouded leopards Howletts is one of the few zoos to have been successful in its breeding programme with no fewer than 30 births since 2003."

Clouded leopards are found in the tropical rainforests of southern China, Sumatra and Borneo.

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IN ALL THEIR GLORY: Stunning bee orchids are among number of colourful species to see along the White Cliffs

Orchids and cliff-top flora in full bloom

BY NICK AMES

AN IMPRESSIVE range of orchids has been thriving along the White Cliffs coast this summer after a long-term conservation project has reaped impressive dividends.

Orchids present on the rich chalk grassland behind the White Cliffs include the common spotted orchid, bee orchid, fragrant orchid and the man orchid.

Naturalists have been flocking to the area to see the flowers in all their glory as the White Cliffs become recognised as a home for exciting native species of plants.

Chalk grassland is acknowledged as one of the richest habitats in Europe for wildlife, with experts such as David Bellamy describing it as "Europe's equivalent of tropical rainforest" because of the huge range of plants, insects and birds in the area.

Folkestone and Dover Water Services has been instrumental in the conservation plans. The company manages more than 780 hectares along the cliffs, including nationally important chalk grassland at Lyoak, and conservation of a range of sensitive habitats is a top priority.

Its managing director, David Walton, says that close attention to the chalk grassland is

essential otherwise the wildlife, including the orchids, would be lost.

He said: "Without careful management the chalk grassland quickly reverts first to scrubland and then becomes wooded.

"So not surprisingly old chalk grassland is increasingly under threat and we are delighted to be able to help with conservation and preserve rare species.

"The company also owns sensitive woodland and marshland habitats and we are very conscious of our role in environmental conservation.

"We aim to both minimise impacts while taking water from the environment and enhance habitats whenever possible.

"We work closely with the Environment Agency and we plan local conservation work in partnership with the White Cliffs Countryside Project."

The Folkestone and Dover area has more than half the chalk grassland found in Kent, and accounts for some five per cent of the chalk grassland in Britain.

Controlled grazing helps preserve the landscape and Folkestone and Dover Water leases land to farmers, involving them in the conservation effort.

Meanwhile, the White Cliffs Countryside Project provides consultancy advice and helps develop specific land management plans to conserve and enhance the important grassland.

Cash handouts to save energy and reduce bills

GRANTS of up to £1,000 are being offered to Shepway residents towards the cost of installing eco-friendly solar hot water or electric systems in their homes.

They are being offered through an initiative from Shepway council to promote renewable energy in homes across the region.

The project – one of the first of its type in the UK – is being co-ordinated by the Kent Energy Centre, which provides sustainable energy advice to home-owners across the county.

"The scheme offers outstanding value for money

for solar technologies that people may have been thinking about but for whom cost has been the deciding factor," said Mike Bundy from KEC.

"With the likelihood of higher energy prices in the future, plus issues surrounding the security of supply, it is likely to mean that renewable energy becomes increasingly popular – particularly solar technology, which can easily be fitted into existing homes."

The move has been praised by environmental groups and is also one which will enable householders to cut the cost of heating bills.

Mosaic teed up for the Triennial

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A MOSAIC inspired by the golf-course themed beach huts which formed part of the Triennial has just been completed by artist Jo Letchford.

It will be on display at the Cube Gallery until September 26, as part of an exhibition organised by Andy Tuohy.

Inspired by Richard Wilson's 18 Holes, which used the remains of the beachfront crazy golf course to decorate the huts, the mosaic contains more than 12,500 pieces.

Jo said: "It's fantastic to be taking part in Andy's exhibition and it's a real thrill to be working with a local artist on a subject that is both local and current."

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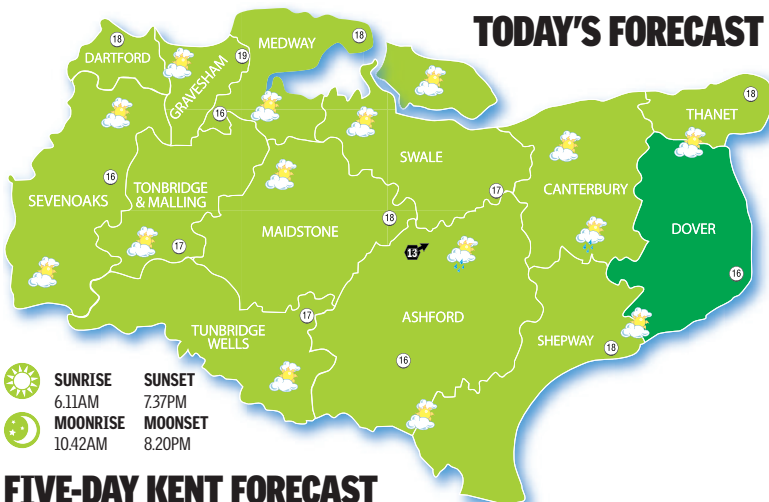
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Dover	Saturday	2:33pm	6.6m
	Sunday	3:05pm	6.3m
Dungeness	Saturday	2:38pm	7.6m
	Sunday	3:12pm	7.3m
Ramsgate	Saturday	3:03pm	5.0m
	Sunday	3:35pm	4.8m
Sheerness	Saturday	4:09pm	5.7m
	Sunday	4:42pm	5.5m
Whitstable	Saturday	4:16pm	5.3m
	Sunday	4:47pm	5.2m

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10.42AM
 SUNSET
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 MOONSET
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FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	16°C	18°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	Gravesend	17°C	19°C	19°C	19°C	20°C
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Chatham	18°C	18°C	18°C	18°C	20°C	Ramsgate	18°C	18°C	18°C	18°C	20°C
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Cardiff	16°C	Tokyo	29°C
Gibraltar	29°C	Vancouver	16°C
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Police put out image of Calais rape suspect

A DESCRIPTION of the suspect involved in the rape of a female journalism student in an immigrant camp in Calais has been circulated to police after it is thought he may have fled to the UK via the Channel ports.

French detectives said the man they wish to question is in his 20s and of Middle Eastern appearance.

It is thought he may be a member of one of the people-smuggling gangs that operate in the area, aiding illegal immigrants to get to the UK in the backs of lorries via ferries or the Channel Tunnel.

Officers from Interpol put out the description after information was gained by local police who questioned a group claiming to be Afghan refugees.

The attack took place in an area called The Jungle – a squalid makeshift camp in woods outside the French port.

It is composed of hundreds of cardboard shacks and is home to refugees from the Middle East, the Balkans and Africa.

The site sprang up following the closure of the nearby Sangatte Red Cross camp in 2002 after it had been seen as a magnet for the would-be immigrants.

It borders a road named 'Gasoline Alley', so-called because lorry-drivers fill their tanks at garages there before travelling to the UK.

Bushes on either side of the road conceal the immigrants as they attempt to climb on to the lorries.

The victim of the rape was a 31-year-old woman, originally from Canada, who had been trying to highlight the plight of the immigrants.

The Deputy Public Prosecutor of the nearby town of Boulogne said after the attack that he felt there was a "strong possibility" the man sought by police was a human trafficker.

Philippe Muller said: "The victim was raped and brutally attacked," he said. "She has very severe wounds around her mouth and scratch marks on her face."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

KAROL STEELE



Q How did you get involved in acting?

A My son has always been interested in acting and when the Blackfish Academy opened in Dover in 2005 I went with him. They were auditioning for Hood, the first musical they put on.

The co-director said: "We need some older women," and pointed at me. I went in, said my piece and ended up getting a principal role. I thought I was going to crack up because it was the first time I'd been on stage since school, but on the opening night there were no nerves – nothing – it was a wonderful feeling.

Q So how did it all move on from there?

A I stayed with Blackfish for a year and did their second production. Then I saw an advert for The Other Boleyn Girl, went for the audition and got a phone call asking me to go for a costume fitting the next day.

I was only going to be a peasant girl for one day, but the girl who was supposed to be a Seymour noblewoman couldn't fit into her dress and the costume mistress asked me to come in, so I ended up with ten days' work.

Q What was it like acting in front of cameras instead of on stage?

A Stage is a much more an immediate rush – you get a reaction straight away. It's a different kind of excitement when you're putting a film together. There's a lot of sitting around but there's the anticipation of seeing

the finished product. It's like the difference between taking pictures on a digital camera, when you can see them straight away, and putting a film in to be developed. Both are so much fun.

Q How did you feel when filming finished?

A Quite deflated, although the worst part was not seeing my friends every day. We bonded on set and you make friends really quickly. That's what I missed the most, but through Facebook we've kept in contact.

Q You also featured in the summer movie Wild Child with Aidan Quinn and Emma Roberts. How did you get involved in that?

A The agency I was with at the time was contracted to find extras for the film, so I got in that way. They sent my picture and CV and the costume lady who was on The Other Boleyn Girl said I was good and reliable.

Q What role did you play in the film?

A A teacher and filming took seven days. Unfortunately, when I went to the premiere I found my big scene had been cut, but I can still be seen in the long shots and in the school assembly.

Q Does that happen quite a lot in films?

A Yes. In The Other Boleyn Girl many people found scenes they were in had been cut.

Q How was it working with Aidan Quinn and Julia Roberts's niece?

A Emma Roberts is just so sweet. Seeing her with all the British actresses, messing about, I thought it was wonderful.

Aidan Quinn was lovely. He said he was taking his family away on holiday after filming. Natasha Richardson was lovely and I had the surprise of my life one day when I was getting a coffee and this deep Irish voice said: "That coffee smells lovely." I turned around and it was Natasha's husband, Liam Neeson.

Q Did you get used to seeing famous people?

A Yes, it becomes ordinary. Everybody sits around chatting or reading magazines. Compared with The Other Boleyn Girl, when they hustled all the stars away, on Wild Child everyone was together.

Q Moving on to your latest film, Washed Up, can you tell us a little about it?

A It's a short film commissioned by the EU to promote intercultural unity. It's going to be put into the Berlin Film Festival and hopefully some festivals over here. There were 12 actors and it was a really good role to get.

Q What do you see for the future?

A I hope to stick with acting. It gets more exciting with everything I do. I get such a buzz out of it. I have some auditions coming up so with luck I'll start doing speaking roles.

QA Dover mum Karol Steele discovered a talent for acting late in life, but roles as an extra in The Other Boleyn Girl, Wild Child and Washed Up have allowed her to rub shoulders with the stars and opened a new career path



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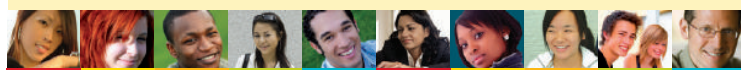
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The temporary service is available six days a week until **Saturday 18th October 2008**

The opening hours during this trial period are:
Monday to Friday 9am - 8pm / Saturday 9am - 5pm

To access this service you will need to receive an X-Ray as part of your treatment when visiting the Walk-in Centre.

It is hoped that this temporary extension will give patients an opportunity to have an X-Ray at a more convenient time. After the 12 week trial period the number of people using the extended services will be assessed to see if the extended hours should be made permanent.

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Rocket man aims to cross Channel

BY STEVE KNIGHT

ROCKET man Yves Rossy will attempt to make history this month when he launches himself across the Channel.

The Swiss national is aiming to be the first person to complete a jet-propelled flight from Calais to Dover on Wednesday, September 24. Rossy, who celebrated his 49th birthday last Wednesday, completed a test flight at the end of last month with an eight-foot carbon-fibre wing powered by four engines.

He flew for more than 22 miles – the equivalent of a cross-Channel trip.

Afterwards Rossy said: "Everything went well. It was awesome."

"It's my longest flight with this wing. If there are no technical problems it will be OK for the English Channel."

"I did the distance. Everything is going swimmingly."

Rossy's stunt will mark 99 years since Louis Bleriot became the first man to cross the Channel in an aircraft.

It will be broadcast live in 165 countries by the National Geographic Channel and will also be on website www.natgeotv.com.

Rossy, who is nicknamed FusionMan, said: "My flight will be a tribute to all those who came before me, many of whom were killed."

The test flight on August 20 saw the former commercial and fighter pilot leap from a small plane 7,500ft above the town of Bex, in Switzerland.

Despite having to postpone the jump several times because of "electronic interference problems", Rossy reached speeds of 180mph as he flew to Villeneuve and back wearing a heat-resistant suit similar to those worn by racing



FUSIONMAN: Yves Rossy plans to cross the English Channel using unique jet wings strapped to his back

drivers. He was able to alter direction in the sky by shifting his weight or simply turning his head and shoulders.

When he had reached his destination of Bex airfield, he released two parachutes at 5,000ft and 4,000ft to land safely and with two litres of fuel remaining.

Rossy's planned Channel crossing came as news to Dover Coastguard, although a spokesman said it was not a legal requirement for the rocketeer to contact them.

She added: "It's something we would like to be told about, but we are in the dark at the

moment. For instance we would like to know if he will be in communication with somebody during the flight.

"It's not the sort of thing you can just go ahead and do. He will have to obey the rules of the Dover Straits, of which there are many."

Rossy staged his first public flight in May, when he wowed crowds with an acrobatic display above the Alps. He later admitted a 360-degree flip was to "impress the girls".

For more information on Yves Rossy, including videos and photos of him in action, visit www.fusionman.ch.



SNOW WHITE: Emma Barton should avoid apples

Come and join the auditions

GIRLS from across Kent are being given the chance to tread the boards with the stars of this year's Marlowe pantomime.

Auditions for the juvenile ensemble of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs take place in Canterbury on Sunday, September 21.

Choreographer Abi Jouxson-Mair, who comes from Chatham, will be putting girls aged between eight and 16 through their paces at the Prince of Wales Community Centre in Military Road. Registration is at 3pm and the auditions start at 3.30pm.

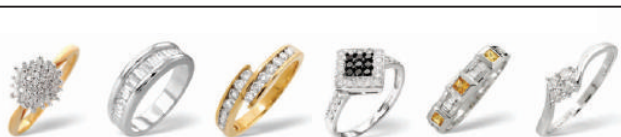
Snow White producer Paul Hendy said they would be looking for the usual combination of girls who can sing and dance. He said: "Apart from that, all we ask is that they smile!"

He went on: "The girls should come along to the auditions ready to dance and we ask that they don't bring any food, only water. If anyone feels anxious about auditioning on their own – don't! Everyone will be taught a routine and asked to perform it in groups."

For any queries about the auditions contact Alison Grant at Evolution Productions by emailing ali@evolution-productions.co.uk

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs opens at the Marlowe on Saturday, November 29, and runs until mid-January.

It stars TV presenter and magician Stephen Mulhern (last year's Aladdin) and EastEnders actress Emma Barton, along with a talented supporting cast. Further details are available from the box office on 01227 787787 or see www.marlowetheatre.com



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South Kent College Performing Arts courses will be running in Ashford in a brand new building from September 2008. The new building, which comprises spacious, industry standard dance studios with sprung floors, is located on Henwood Industrial Estate within walking distance of the town centre and bus and train stations.

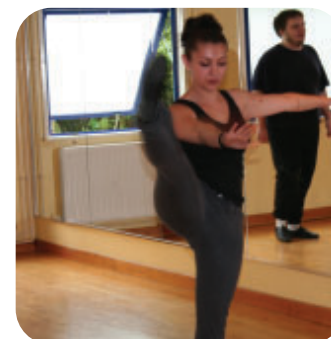
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Innovation to beat superbugs

■ BY JENNA PUDELEK

ENTREPRENEURS and businesses in Kent with products or technologies that could help prevent the spread of superbugs have been invited to take part in a new programme by the NHS.

NHS Innovations South East, which helps health service inventors promote their ideas, said it believed industry could play an active role in helping combat the killer infections.

It said automotive, IT, food and drink, engineering and manufacturing firms across the region could help the NHS beat the bugs.

The Office for National Statistics announced on Thursday that the number of death certificates in England and Wales mentioning *Clostridium difficile* (C diff) increased 28 per cent in 2007.

Deaths from the superbug have risen year on year since 1999, the authority found.

KOS Media has been running a hand hygiene campaign highlighting that simply

washing your hands can help stop the spread of superbugs.

We have been working with the NHS to raise awareness about how infections spread and good control and prevention methods.

Reducing healthcare-associated infections (HCAs) like C diff and MRSA is one of the top priorities for the NHS and the Department of Health believes new technologies and equipment, as well as good hygiene practices, can help it achieve its targets more quickly.

Jo James, chief executive of the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, said: "My initial view is that MRSA and C diff are problems that they [the NHS] have not managed to find a solution to yet and they are growing problems."

"Why not look to industry where there is a wealth of experience and call on the experience that is out there? It is not just a hospital problem; it is a problem that affects us all."

"There are so many industries...where they have got lots of things already there and a huge amount of experts dealing with



the problem [of infection control and prevention].

"I think it is a great initiative to look outside and look for help and pull the resources to combat superbugs."

The chamber is an independent body that was set up to support business growth and enterprise in Kent.

NHS Innovation South East is one of nine hubs across the country. The Smart Solutions scheme is being run nationally by NHS Innovations North West.

Brian Griffiths, the project director, said: "Our aim is to find the most effective solutions to control HCAs and we are keeping an open mind as to where these could come from."

"Whether it is a product from a medical company, something developed for a completely different purpose or even an idea from an inventor in the spare room, we will assess its potential."

Dr Sara Mumford, director of infection prevention and control at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, said: "This



is a very positive and welcome initiative. If companies come up with potentially effective ways of combating infections we are always willing to take part in trials of new products."

• *If you think you have an idea or solution that can help the NHS beat superbugs visit www.smartsolutionsforhcai.co.uk.*

New bus posters part of drink-drive crackdown

HARD-hitting posters are being carried on buses across the county highlighting the dangers of drink driving.

Kent Highway Services' 'drinking and driving wrecks lives' campaign has gone out across 72 Stagecoach buses, covering Maidstone, Ashford, Dover, Thanet, Canterbury, Folkestone, Dartford, Gravesend and Tunbridge Wells.

KHS' road safety chief Anne-Marie Penny said the posters were being run to remind drivers that drink driving is dangerous all year round, not just at Christmas.

She said: "Drink-driving wrecks lives all year-round and drivers need to realise that it's just as dangerous in the summer as it is at Christmas."

"You don't have to be drunk to be dangerous – even one drink can affect your judgement and reactions."

"By using these bus posters, we can reach more drivers than a static poster could and it's vital that we get our message out there to try and prevent needless tragedies caused by drink driving."

Kent police figures reveal a total of 250 motorists are arrested every month on the county's road for drink driving offences.

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BREAK TIME

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DOVER College's infant and junior department is opening a new pre-reception class for children in Dover and Shepway.

The class, which begins this month, will cater for pupils aged three and will provide a broad range of subjects on offer for younger members of the school.

The move comes after the announcement that Westbrook House Prep School in Folkestone is closing. Many of its pupils will transfer to Dover College.

A college official said: "This is a very exciting time for the school and a great opportunity for local people from Hythe, Sandgate, Folkestone, Deal and Dover."

Heather Miller, head of the infant and junior department, said she believes in the importance of a balanced curriculum and the development of the confidence and individual talents of the children.

The pre-reception class offers morning, afternoon, full day or various combination sessions, as well as a school pick-up and drop-off service. For more information, visit www.dovercollege.org.uk.

Roaming legions

MORE than 1,000 pupils from across Kent and Surrey visited Dover Museum to attend the Roman Festival 2008.

Visitors dressed in togas and robes and had their hair styled in a Roman or Celtic fashion.

Drama workshops, talks and the opportunity to learn about mosaic making and life in the Roman legions were among the activities.

Pupils from St Faith's School at Ash, St Richard's Primary in Dover, The Old School at Capel-le-Ferne and Warden House Primary in Deal attended the festival.

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Merger expert Monica's guiding role at college

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A NEW interim principal has been welcomed to South Kent College to prepare the ground for a possible merger.

Monica Box, who successfully guided City College Manchester through merger preparations, will lead South Kent using her 30 years' experience in comprehensive schools, youth and adult services and further education.

Mrs Box, who has taken over from former interim principal Alan Harrison, believes it is essential to set high standards and have good organisational communications.

She is credited with the improvement of Calderdale College in West Yorkshire, which had similar problems to those at South Kent.

She said: "Colleges are meant to serve communities and I look forward to assisting South Kent in giving an excellent service to its community."

"I intend to support staff in getting everything in place ready to welcome learners in the autumn term."

After a poor Ofsted report, governors made the decision to find a college to merge with to help turn South Kent around.

Mrs Box believes it is important to start working on improvements immediately and not just when a merger partner is found.

She said: "South Kent College should be a strong single entity and a worthwhile partner college and that is what we will be working towards."

"If a merger can strengthen and enhance skills development at South Kent, it should be welcomed. The governors are looking to a positive future and will work to achieve the best outcome for local people."

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HANDING OVER: New interim principal Monica Box is welcomed to South Kent by predecessor Alan Harrison

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Why we should always take pride in British sports success

BRITISH sport is rubbish, isn't it? You disagree? As it happens, so do I.

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The thing is, the cyclists, rowers, sailors, in fact, most of our medalists at the Beijing Games didn't just suddenly appear and get lucky. They were already established in the top echelons of their sports along with swimmers, archers, squash players and many more.

One of our biggest participation sports – Karate – is where, at the recent WIKF World Championships, England topped the medal table with 12 golds, just under a third of those available from 38 events. A further 16 medals were split equally across silver and bronze.

You didn't know? Can't blame you, it isn't even on the BBC Sport website. Reflect on those figures – the USA won only eight medals in total, just one of them gold.

I haven't bought a national newspaper for years, not since one of them ran a headline on their back page – R.I.P. English Sport. Why? Because we'd lost a football qualifier, a cricket test match and a boxing World Title fight. The editor conveniently forgot we'd won the Five Nations rugby and had two other title fight winners. And the karate team of course, who were topping the medal table back then, too.

Britons complete at the highest level in most sports, I doubt any other nation can boast the sheer variety of international top class competitors that we do. Sure, the Swiss will always beat us in Winter Sports (except the skeleton bob maybe, where Britain's Kristian Bromley is the reigning World Cup, European and World Champion) but where are they when it comes to Rugby?

The Germans undoubtedly have the upper hand in football post 1966, but when did they last win a cricket match against us? Russian golfers? Nope. Is there an Australian karate team? They didn't win a medal. As for the Chinese – yes, they topped the Olympic table but name me one Chinese darts player, go on!

Yet, somehow, we always return to our disappointments in football. Where did we go wrong? How do we improve? Not by passing stupid laws at grass roots level governing age groups. Next year, talented players who run rings around opponents of their own age won't be able to move up and progress.

Oh no, our dear FA have stipulated that they should remain in their own age group and stagnate, get bored and then probably give up altogether. Way to go. Apt name, FA. Pretty much covers what our national team are likely to win. Perhaps Sir Clive Woodward can take over from Brian Barwick, assuming the British Olympic Association will release him.

Still, don't despair BritSport fans, next time we don't make it to the footie finals, there's sure to be a pentathlete, triathlete or horse rider winning somewhere else. And with environmental and petrol issues continuing, the national sport will be cycling by 2012!

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We have five copies of this great CD up for grabs. To enter, simply answer the question below and send your entry on a postcard along with your email address (if applicable), name, address, and daytime telephone number to Creamfields CD Competition, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6SR. Closing date is September 19, 2008.

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TALK TIME

LOUIS GROVER

The KCC countryside officer for Brockhill Country Park talks about his role at the site, which has just been re-awarded Green Flag status.



Tell us about yourself

I am 35 and happily married with two little girls. I am an active person who enjoys the countryside, camping and roadcycling.

Why did you want to be a countryside officer?

Ever since I was young I have been interested in wildlife, turning over the rocks in the garden to collect insects, or hunting for toads and newts at the allotments. During my last year at secondary school I was lucky enough to do work experience at Brockhill Country Park. I thoroughly enjoyed it and promised myself that one day I would become a ranger. I went to college twice to study conservation and habitat management and started full-time employment at Brockhill Country Park as the assistant ranger in 1996. I can honestly say I still love my job and the people I work with – it's great.

What can Brockhill Country Park offer visitors?

It is a safe, clean, well-presented park – this has once again been confirmed by The Civic Trust, which has awarded us the Green Flag for 2008/9 – the second time in a row the park has won this prestigious award. There is a great cafe providing good, wholesome food. There is a play area for children and beautiful walks. Or you can wander along the Brockhill stream and listen to water as it makes its way to the Royal Military Canal.

What is your favourite thing about the park?

The mix of habitats – from big majestic oak trees to open grassland, streams and woodland. It has a real sense of wilderness and mystery.

YOUR LETTERS

Share your tales of the Hotel Lyndhurst

As Folkestone historians, we are compiling the history of the present Homepine House site in Sandgate Road.

We have traced the names of those who lived in the original eight Victorian houses in the 1890s, and we have much of the story of Homepine House since it was built 22 years ago.

We do require help, however, with the story of the Lyndhurst Hotel from the time four of the houses were amalgamated to form the Hotel Lyndhurst in 1921 until it was demolished in 1973.

If anyone worked there or was a guest could contact us, we would be very grateful. Of course, any printed matter or photograph we are allowed to photocopy would be a bonus.

Ken and Julie Paine
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End of service is the pits for poor

Readers may not be aware that the cesspool-emptying service from Dover District Council will be finishing on Tuesday, September 30, and users of this service will need to make other arrangements.

It is likely this will result in a considerable increase in charges at a difficult time for those involved – living in a rural community is already expensive enough. In other parts of Kent there is a minimum charge of around £100, compared with the district council's current charge of £42.76 for 500 litres.



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I am particularly concerned about those on low incomes and our council tenants affected by

these changes. I am pressing the district council to investigate how it could help those most in

need. If you are affected, please feel free to write to me at the council offices at Whitfield, or email me at cllrbenbano@aol.com

Clr Ben Bano
Leader of the Labour group
Dover District Council

Medal may be late but would be right

Well done to the people who are calling for a medal for Walter Tull – albeit posthumously.

His story may be almost 100 years old, but it has great relevance for a country where race and background are still an issue for so many people.

Let's hope the powers-that-be recognise his contribution and give him an award.

I am sure it would make any surviving family proud.

Dave Harkes
by email

We don't have the resources of China

Celebrations concerning the British Olympic team and the event such as we saw in Dover on Sunday are all very well, but how are we going to pay for London 2012?

We are not a country with the resources of China and I cannot help but feel our own Games will be a bit of a damp squib when it comes to presentation.

We will never emulate what we saw at the opening ceremony in Beijing.

Nichola Higgins
by email

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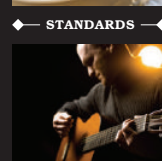
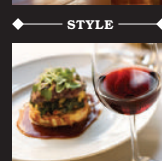
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Dover this year, and some friends of mine recently bought a motorhome for a tour of the coast.

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Mike Piggott
by email

Too many chiefs have ruined health service

Professor Paul Goddard left the NHS after 30 years' practice.

His book exposes a target culture of over-management and wasted resources on bureaucracy, *eg* he believes patients are starving if unable to feed themselves and are discharged malnourished.

He is scathing that the Government can afford tiers of needless management but will not make sterilisation and basic hygiene central to patient care in hospitals. He would halt all PFI and return to nursing that treats each patient as an individual.

Bureaucrats are not fit to run the NHS. They are responsible for rationing services and following inappropriate policies. They have turned the NHS into a postcode lottery. Despite record spending, England is lagging behind other European countries.

The on-costs of PFI, GP-enhanced payments and salaries and the setting-up of worthless Primary Care Trusts have all backfired and deprived patients of adequate, suitable services.

Political control and interference

have demolished the NHS and fed us bogus arguments that whatever the Government wants is affordable but that public health and disease prevention is unaffordable.

Taxpayers are saddled with unaffordable living costs, while Government lackeys in monopolistic service provision have boosted their incomes and bonuses at our expense.

Rita Grootendorst
by email

Support will be a benefit to sufferers

Almost every reader of this newspaper will know someone who has ME. They may even know someone who is so badly affected by the illness that they have lost their job and have to live on benefits.

Believe me, for them this is not a career choice. Without exception, people with ME are desperate to get well and live normal lives.

The benefits shake-up recently proposed by the Government has serious and far-reaching implications for vulnerable people such as those affected by this chronic fluctuating illness.

It promises fairness for disabled people in what is a barely-disguised attempt to cut the benefits bill by forcing people back into work before they are well enough. What next – will we be expected to send our old and sick to the workhouse?

Action For ME is urging everyone with ME and their carers to take part in the public consultation on the proposals by completing the survey on our website, www.afme.org.uk.

The survey asks important

questions about people's health, their experiences of the existing benefits system, their hopes and the strategies they have used to try to get back into work.

We will use the results to lobby the Government. The Prime Minister must not be allowed to reduce his benefits bill at the cost of ruining the health of genuine claimants.

Sir Peter Spencer
Action For ME

There's a mine of safer fun elsewhere

Tragically, every year, young people put themselves at risk of injury and even death in quarries.

It happens right across the country – including Kent.

I appeal to parents to ensure their children are aware of the potential dangers. The warning applies to both active and disused quarries.

A recent poll on our website www.qpa.org reveals that 34 per cent of those responding have knowingly trespassed into a quarry, which shows we have to do all we can to take responsibility, maintain safety and tackle site trespass.

A quarry is a safe place to work, it is not a safe place to play.

The dangers of falling are obvious. Other risks are less evident – lakes are often deep and bitterly cold; sand stockpiles can collapse and leave children trapped.

If your children are still fascinated by quarries, they may enjoy our free, fun and educational websites: www.virtualquarry.co.uk and www.quarryrescue.com.

Simon van der Byl
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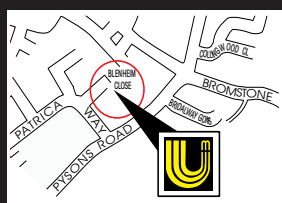


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GOOD BOOK: The cartoon version of The Jungle Book was the last to be produced by Walt Disney himself – here the story is brought to life on stage

Book into the jungle

The bear necessities of life brought to the stage

GRAB a vine and swing into the world of The Jungle Book as a popular stage version of the classic tale returns to Kent.

Birmingham Stage Company's hugely successful production is a colourful and exciting family show that brings Rudyard Kipling's beloved story to life. Meet the creatures of the jungle as they battle to protect the life of young Mowgli and embark on an adventure that brings them all sorts of surprises.

The company commissioned children's playwright Stuart Paterson to adapt the 100-year-old story in 2005.

It was set to a brand new score by composer BB Cooper and lyricist Barb Jung, along with additional music and orchestrations by talented 16-year-old newcomer Gideon Fineman, and played to sell-out crowds across the country.

Now it is back on the road by popular demand and Kent audiences have the chance to discover the magic.

A talented cast of 10 bring the unforgettable characters to life, with realistic animal movements created by expert Peter Elliot. He is, of course, a master of movement himself, having played monkeys in the



films Greystoke, Gorillas In The Mist and Congo.

The story follows the adventures of young boy Mowgli, who is raised by wolves in the jungle and feels as at home there as any of his furry chums.

But when the menacing tiger Shere Khan announces his intention to kill the boy, Baloo the bear and Bagheera

the panther make a heartbreaking decision. They decide to take Mowgli to the man village in the interests of his safety, but their journey will be fraught with danger, adventure and unexpected encounters.

A trailer of the show can be viewed at www.birminghamstage.net.

The Jungle Book began life as a collection of stories written by English author Rudyard Kipling in 1894. Inspired by his early childhood in India, and his return as a teenager to work, the stories were written while he was living in the US.

The first book contained stories about the adventures of Mowgli, along with other fables which used talking animals to make moral points. The Second Jungle Book, published the following year, featured five more stories about Mowgli.

The stories were to inspire one of the best-loved Disney animated films, which was also the last movie produced by Walt Disney himself.

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THE GROANBOX BOYS

Friday, September 12
Tower Theatre, Shorncliffe

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The band play their roots music on an array of instru-

ments including accordion, acoustic guitar, banjo, harmonica and a variety of percussion pieces, including a calabash, yew tree log and their self-made Freedom Boot. This arresting instrument features a large dowel, 420 bottle caps, a black boot at the bottom and a collection of souvenirs on the top,

from Guatemalan worry dolls to Bolivian goat toenails.

Their mission is to continue the great folk music traditions of the USA, but playing it in their own way and adding their own idiosyncrasies.

The trio includes Franco-American musician Cory Seznec, whose love for pre-war folk music was ignited when he discovered his parents' old blues record collection as a teenager. Michael Ward-Bergeman is a sensitive and passionate performer whose compositions have featured on numerous recordings, television shows and film soundtracks.

Recent addition Paul Clifford is a skilled Canadian drummer and multi-instrumentalist who is now based in Kent.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10/£9. To book call 01303 223925.



Picture: ROGER LIPNORI

THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK

Tuesday to Saturday, September 9-13
Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

MARTI Pellow will be having a devil of a time when The Witches of Eastwick rolls into town.

The Wet Wet Wet frontman is feeling hot, hot, hot in the role of Daryl Van Horne, the man who rouses the passion – and magical powers – of three small-town housewives. Based on the 1984 book by John Updike and the hit film of the same name, The Witches of Eastwick sees all hell let loose when the devil comes to town.

The 1987 movie starred Jack Nicholson as the horned hunk with Michelle Pfeiffer, Susan Sarandon and Cher as his besotted mistresses.

After seducing each woman in turn, Daryl believes he has the women and the town in his grip, until the three witches resolve to turn the tables.

This is the musical's first UK tour, directed by Nikolai Foster, who also brought Andrew Lloyd Webber's Aspects of Love to the Marlowe earlier this year. Poppy Tierney, who played the comely Guilietta in Aspects, also returns as one of the witches.

Tickets are priced from £16 to £33.50. Book online at www.marlowetheatre.com or call the box office on 01227 787787.



SHAKESPEARE'S R&J

Wednesday, September 17
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Shakespeare's own dialogue makes up 90 per cent of the script, with just four

actors bringing the characters to life and evoking the intense passion, pain, joy and grief of the original story. The score features original music by Ron McAllister, as well as sacred hymns and 50s classics, and becomes ever more important as the story progresses.

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Enjoy an afternoon of carnival parade antics

THERE will be a carnival atmosphere in Sandwich this weekend as the annual town celebration gets under way.

Spectators will be able to see the carnival procession making its way through the streets of Sandwich on Saturday, starting at 4pm. It is expected to finish at 7pm.

For more information about the event and Sandwich's carnival court, see www.sandwichcarnival.org.uk.

Jester to mix it up with a selection of punk hits

FED up with the chart music at the time, a group of like-minded punk music fans formed Jester more than 11 years ago.

In 1997 the band played their first gig in Dover, drawing a crowd of more than 100 people with their cover versions of classic punk hits from the late 70s.

Today the band plays a mixture of its own material and the music of those who have influenced them.

See them play at The Archer in Sandwich Road, Whitfield, on Saturday. See www.jesterpunkuk.co.uk.

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THE STRANGERS (15)



A battle of wits between a young couple and three masked strangers who invade their home in the dead of night, this is a riveting edge-of-seat thriller. An impressive first effort from director Bryan Bertino, who never identifies the attackers enacting their despicable plan almost without exchanging a single word, except for a chilling final remark.

HELLBOY II: THE GOLDEN ARMY (12A)



The sequel to Guillermo del Toro's 2004 fantasy is every bit as fast and furious as its predecessor, melding dazzling production design with wry humour and explosive action sequences. Here del Toro is given free rein to let his imagination run amok, concocting a dark and bloody fairytale full of trolls, goblins and a 9ft Angel Of Death. Hellboy II: The Golden Army is a triumph of design.

Stepping up for laughs

BY KATE WHITING

WHEN it comes to showing the funny side of serious situations, you can always rely on Hollywood's Frat Pack – the band of comic brothers led by the likes of Ben Stiller and Will Ferrell.

From Ben's pathetic stalker in *There's Something About Mary*, to Steve Carrell's 40-Year-Old Virgin and last year's *Knocked Up* – a tale of accidental pregnancy written, directed and produced by new golden boy Judd Apatow – the pack, who love to pop up in each others' films, have poked fun at most things.

Now the 'plight' of grown-up children still living at home has been given the comedy treatment in *Step Brothers* and John C Reilly's collaboration, *Step Brothers*.

Empty-nesters are becoming a thing of the past in the UK as more and more children choose to stay with their parents rent-free – as many as one in ten, according to research by Mintel.

In *Step Brothers*, produced by – wait for it – Judd Apatow, the two central characters, 40-somethings Dale (John) and Brennan (Will), not only stay at home but neither of them work and they have managed to remain in a perpetual state of adolescence.

"They never outgrow their adolescent ideas about what's cool, how they'd spend their time when they grew up, what they found entertaining," says Will, 41.

"It was a lot of fun to explore that, thinking 'What if you actually became at 40 the guy you thought you'd be when you were 13?'"

Cue juvenile T-shirts, prized drum sets, Chewbacca masks and



BROTHERS IN ARMS: Will Ferrell and John C Reilly finally face the idea of growing up

endless TV dinners for Dale and Brennan as John and Will clearly revel in their roles.

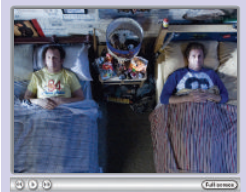
"Dale is an extreme case of arrested development," says John, 43, with a smile. "His dad's a doctor, so he's never really had to work for anything. He's just into the things that he likes and nothing else interests him at all. He likes drums, sling-shots, karate and fireworks."

"He's a guy who already feels he's got the greatest life ever and he doesn't have to really work."

The film follows two single parents – Brennan's mum Nancy (Mary Steenburgen) and Dale's

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doctor dad Robert (Richard Jenkins) – who meet, fall in love, marry and then make the life-altering decision to live together.

Sparks fly when the two grown men are forced to share Dale's room and then Brennan makes the huge mistake of touching Dale's drum kit, which results in a hilarious childish fight, with them rolling around in the garden.

When the pressure of looking after two layabouts drives their parents apart, the boys finally resolve to get off the sofa and try to set up their own entertainment company, but will they be able to reunite Nancy and Robert?

Step Brothers came about two years ago after Will and John worked together with writer-director Adam McKay on motor-racing flick *Talladega Nights: The Battle Of Ricky Bobby*. It was such good fun that as soon as filming wrapped they started thinking about their next project.

"We sat down, had dinner and threw around all these ideas," Will remembers.

Once the trio had come up with the characters, old friends Will and Adam sat down to write the screenplay together.



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YOUR TV REVIEW

STRICTLY COME DANCING
BBC One, Saturday (from Sept 30)
THE X FACTOR
ITV1, 7pm Saturday

■ BY TOM BETTS

THE term 'monumentally bad' wouldn't even go half-way to cover this year's Big Brother, so let's be glad that it's finally over.

The desperadoes have been released and some respite is upon us, but, before we know it, I'm a Celebrity... will be back and we'll all want to top ourselves again.

Before all that starts, though, for a moment let us enjoy the battle of Saturday nights.

It's the clash of the titans, an irresistible force meeting the immovable object.

Two prime-time shows are heading for a dust-up and will be slapping each other around the entertainment face in the weeks to come.

In the BBC corner is Strictly Come Dancing and its cast of celebrity contestants, while, in the ITV corner is The X Factor, with its celebrity judges, auditioning weirdos and the very pointless Dannii Minogue.

Not so long ago, there would be only one logical choice: The X Factor's audition stages were a joy to watch as humiliation was piled high upon many poor souls deluded enough to think they had what it takes to bag a nailed-on Christmas number one.

However, it is now the dancing rival that holds more appeal for many.

In part it is because the X Factor's joke has worn very thin, whereas dancing also requires skill and hard work, rather than just turning up and belting out a Robbie Williams cover.



POPULAR: Strictly Come Dancing is beating The X Factor, where the joke has worn thin

In SCD, the Beeb has a big winner on its hands and has flogged the format to the rest of the world in the same way Simon Cowell did with his creation.

Not bad for an idea that seemed to smack of desperation when it was first launched in 2004.

I must admit I thought this was the worst idea I'd ever heard when the show tangoed on to our screens, but I was wrong – it's genuinely entertaining stuff.

Ratings are huge and Bruce Forsyth is in his element, finding a deserved second wind to his career.

This year should be a good series. A certain comedy value is sure to come from former news man John Sergeant, while, for the fellas, Rachel Stevens, Lisa Snowdon and The One Show's current beau, Christine Blakely, will all be giving us a twirl, which Bruce will surely approve of.

Strictly Come Dancing, in the words of the great man himself on a Saturday night: "You're my favourite!"

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

AN interest in a foreign culture could prompt you to take a trip overseas. Your love life will get a boost as a result. If you're already in a relationship, your bond will grow closer. Being away from the trappings of home will allow you to focus on your partner's needs like never before.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

WORK becomes much more pleasant, thanks to a thoughtful female colleague. This woman knows just what to do and say to resolve conflicts. You may be inspired to decorate your office. Being surrounded by lush, green plants helps you to think outside of the box.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

VISITING a friend or relative could prove a welcome change of pace. A change of scenery will give you a fresh perspective. You're starting to see you have more choices than you thought. This liberating realisation will cause you to make a startling choice.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

SPENDING more time on private pursuits is essential. You're emerging from a social period that has left you drained. Take a few moments to go on solitary walks, enjoy a quiet cup of tea, or read for pleasure. Stop telling yourself such behaviour is selfish.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOUR sex appeal reaches its peak for the year; take advantage of it. Luring a love interest into your web will be an enjoyable task. If you're in a relationship, you could be granted favours. Signing a contract or entering a partnership will help you get the acclaim you desire.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

AT last, you're able to abandon yourself to fun. Be sure to schedule a vacation in the next few weeks. If you're single, you could meet someone special on this trip. Keep your eyes open for a witty sophisticate with impeccable fashion. Take charge of a troubling household concern.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

BUSINESS ventures related to art, music, and entertainment are favoured. You have a knack for delivering what the public wants. Go ahead and charge a higher price than you intended. You'd be surprised at how much people would pay for a little enjoyment.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

FRIENDS are an invaluable source of support. They'll help you make sense of a stressful work situation that has you flummoxed. Being able to laugh at yourself in the midst of a crisis will be your saving grace. Be ready to let go of your dignity for the sake of the team.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

LOVE could be your primary focus. Don't be afraid to let a loved one put your needs ahead of theirs. In the past, you were willing to shield this person from ugly realities. Now it's your turn to experience the same sort of kindness. Accept this gift with an open and grateful heart.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

A TROUBLED family relationship could undergo healing. A female relative who was once critical of your lifestyle is starting to come to terms with it. You're not sure how long her compassion will last, but it's a relief. Helping a neighbour will set off a pleasant chain of events.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

TAKE the initiative in a romantic relationship. Generally, you like to be the one who is pursued. Learning to assert yourself will bring rewards. Stop telling yourself you do not deserve love and happiness. A thoughtful relative could remind you of your tremendous gifts.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOU'RE making a name for yourself in the public sphere. All of the sudden, everyone wants your advice and help. This is a wonderful time to make inroads to your desired industry. If you already love your job, you could take this opportunity to start a side business.

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BY KATE WHITING

IN Ocracoke harbour, the pelicans perch on wooden mooring posts in the setting sun, as though to welcome the fishing boats back after a long day out at sea.

And they couldn't have found a better – or more secluded – place to rest.

Ocracoke, one of the narrow sandbar islands that runs down the coast of North Carolina, was for years one of America's best-kept secrets. In 2007, however, it was thrown into the global spotlight when its virgin beach beat more than 650 sandy havens to be named the best in the United States.

It was the first time a beach outside of the more popular sunspots Hawaii and Florida had been chosen, and sitting on the warm white sand I could easily see why.

Ocracoke island boasts 15 miles of uninterrupted, undeveloped, pristine beach, with gently sloping sand-dunes and spectacular views stretching out over the Atlantic. There are none of the oversized chain hotels, beach bars, or banana boats of built-up resorts. Ocracoke defines understatement and simplicity.

US beach expert Stephen Leatherman (fondly known as Dr Beach) selected Ocracoke Lifeguarded Beach on the basis of 50 criteria, ranging from sand quality and colour, to wave size and even traffic.

There certainly aren't many cars in Ocracoke, mainly because the island has only



WATER BABY: Ocracoke is a beautiful island, boasting a 15-mile long beach, 26 miles off the coast of North Carolina

700 residents and because its location, 26 miles from the mainland, means many visitors fly into this unspoilt paradise instead of struggling with the three-hour car ferry. But the journey is well worth it for those seeking a real American treasure.

Besides its beach, the island, and the surrounding Outer Banks boast some of the most extraordinary history, set in a carefully preserved landscape.

One exciting way to explore is by kayak. Ride The Wind surf shop, in the centre of Ocracoke's snug historic town, offers guided eco tours. The kayak tour, led by friendly Ocracoke Bob Chestnut, took us away from the ocean and up some of the island's natural

inlets too, where we found oysters, hermit crabs, turtles and even a sea snake darting among the reedbeds.

To give ourselves some geographical perspective, we headed to the historic town of Beaufort on the mainland, which lies at the heart of North Carolina's Crystal Coast.

From Beaufort, it's easy to take day trips to other sandbar islands, which make up the Outer Banks, and one of the most spectacular is Cape Lookout. Its lighthouse, with its large black and white diamond pattern, is an icon.

And as the sun glinted off the Atlantic at the end of another beautiful day on the Outer Banks, it was easy to see why North Carolina is so justifiably proud of its unique coastline.

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PROPERTY NEWS

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Students are a good bet for making profit

KENT'S university centres are a better investment bet for buy-to-let landlords, according to a new poll.

As the property market has slowed, rental properties have become even more important, with student accommodation remaining a strong performer.

Rental yields from student accommodation in university towns and cities should continue to outstrip those achieved from buy-to-let properties without, according to industry research by headlineproperty.co.uk website.

They carried out the survey after estimates emerged which suggested that landlords offering student accommodation in university towns often benefit from annual rental yields which are one or two percentage points (sometimes more) higher.

The main reason for this is the fact that, as the numbers of those making the move into higher education continues to rise, so demand for student accommodation itself could only go one way in the years ahead.

Why not just stay put?

Moving may not be your best option

MAKING the most of your existing home is an increasingly popular option as the housing market slows to a crawl.

Extending or remodelling your home can give you the extra space and will increase its value when the market picks up again.

But before you start, the organisers of The London Homebuilding & Renovating Show, at ExCeL London from September 19 to 21, have come up with some great pointers that may save you time ... and money.

Permitted development

If your home has never been extended you could add 15 per cent to the volume of the house without needing permission. Visit www.planningportal.gov.uk and take advantage of their online volume calculator.

Know the building regulations

Even if you don't need planning permission, you may need building regulations approval. If you are converting your loft, moving a bath or toilet, installing a green heating system, a flue or altering window openings, you will need to apply for approval.

Think through your loft conversion

To comply with building regulations to get an extra bedroom, the floor may need strengthening and the roof will need at least 150mm of insulation, which will lower the ceiling. Don't forget that accessing a habitable loft conversion requires a permanent staircase and this will need landing space.

Beware of removing trees

It is a criminal offence to cut down a tree which is protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). Even if an extension doesn't require planning permission, you cannot alter or even prune a tree that has a TPO on it without permission.

The right to light

When you apply for planning permission remember your neighbours might object if you cut sunlight to their home. This is more relevant to town centre homes.

Conservation areas have different rules

If your home is in a conservation area, or is a listed building, things are not so simple. Take the time to speak with your local council's planning department before you start anything. It's a criminal offence to alter a listed building.



IMPROVE: An extension and a lick of paint could have you feeling like you're in a new home without having to move

Know the Party Wall Act

Any work you intend to carry out that is within three metres of your boundary wall will mean legally you must contact your neighbour. If you are digging a foundation, then anything under six metres from the wall means they must be consulted.

Do your homework

Do your research before you start to avoid any horrible surprises. Contact your local planning office or visit the government web-

site www.planningportal.gov.uk/buildingwork.

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Two bedroom second floor apartment with views to the Downs. Lounge, fitted kitchen/breakfast room, family bathroom/WC and en-suite shower room/WC. No chain.

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This end of terrace house situated in a cul-de-sac comprises: lounge/diner, kitchen/breakfast room, five bedrooms and bathroom/WC. Gas central heating, double glazing and a courtyard garden.

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Semi-detached house comprising: lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, cloakroom, three bedrooms and bathroom/WC. 78' rear garden and off road parking.

CHERTON



£210,000

End of terrace house comprising: lounge/diner, two bedrooms, separate WC and fitted kitchen/utility area with three further bedrooms and bathroom/WC to the first floor.

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Purpose built apartment with south facing balcony overlooking the beach. Comprising: lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom/WC. No chain.

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£230,000

Semi-detached house comprising: lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, utility, cloakroom, 3 beds and shower room/WC. Landscaped gardens. Garage. Block paved drive. Gas central heating. Double glazing.

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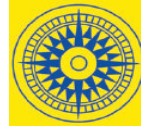
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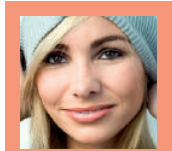


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Brunette female, 38yr old, single mum, enjoys socialising, DIY, romantic moments and family activities, WLTm a male with similar interests for friendship. Box 442393

HISTORIC MEETING?
Mum of three, 38, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

ROMANCE IS ALIVE
Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honest, love and romance. Box 813930

SING WHEN YOU'RE WINNING
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HERE WE GO
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Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053

PRINCESS FIONA
Fun-loving single mum, 37, 5'8, loves going out, staying in and having fun, WLTm a male to be my knight in shining armour. Box 443290

SEIZE THE DAY
Loving female, 36, 5'4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428686

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Hard-working independent female, 41, dark brown hair, brown eyes, GSOH, enjoys cinema, eating out, seeking similar male with no issues for friendship first, then hopefully more. Box 442205

CAN YOU BE MY KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOUR?
Young looking 40yr old, 5'17, green eyes, loves cinema, theatre, meals, cosy nights in, music, DVDs, seeking honest, loyal, good-looking male 35-45 with similar interests. Box 442999

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Sincere, happy woman, with GSOH. I'm 5'6, with short brown hair, brown eyes, I have lots of interests and WLTm similar guy. Box 895019

ON A PLATE
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TOGETHER, FOREVER?
Caring person with GSOH, 48, would like to share my life with someone nice, who enjoys romantic walks, meals and wants to find love. Box 889783

HOPE AND LOVE FOREVER
Professional female, 49, brunette, loves the outdoors, good food, good wine, seeking similar as myself for loving relationship. Box 443198

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Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428593

HOPE YOU FIT THE BILL...
Non-smoking Mum with GSOH, 50, 5'13, blue eyes, medium-large build, loves music, gym, going out, travel, seeking down-to-earth, sincere guy. Box 442821

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Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover Box 435441

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READ BETWEEN THE LINES
Blonde, 49, 5'14, brown eyes, slim, enjoys music, dancing, dining in/out and gardening, GSOH, shy at first. Looking for honest man for friendship, maybe more. Box 904969

WHITESTABLE WUNDERLAND
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PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!
Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'1", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTm fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10+", to share life. Box 163637

COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, HOPEFULLY MORE
Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5'17, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTm similar loving male. Box 443642

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YOUNG-AT-HEART
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ON MANDY
Mandy, 36, lovely brunette, petite & slim, very tactile & bubbly, professional mum, wlm honest, romantic N/S man. Box 426399

ANIMAL LOVER?
Nurse, 37yr, 2 kids, 5'8, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male Box 431557

TOO MUCH TO ASK?
Genuine female, 41, 5'3", brunette, brown eyes, medium build, enjoys meals out, music etc, seeks male 38-42, for romance. Box 155275

HERE HORSIE!
Outgoing girl, 42, dark hair, brown eyes, likes swimming, walking, cycling, riding horses, outdoor sports, seeking similar male for love. Box 443591

SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE
Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, caring, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899694

IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!
44yr old female, blonde hair, 5'15, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810

HAPPY GO LUCKY
Sincere, happy woman, with GSOH. I'm 5'6, with short brown hair, brown eyes, I have lots of interests and WLTm similar guy. Box 895019

ON A PLATE
Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, redhead, Likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLTm male for fun and friendship. Box 895928

TOGETHER, FOREVER?
Caring person with GSOH, 48, would like to share my life with someone nice, who enjoys romantic walks, meals and wants to find love. Box 889783

HOPE AND LOVE FOREVER
Professional female, 49, brunette, loves the outdoors, good food, good wine, seeking similar as myself for loving relationship. Box 443198

ALL THAT I NEED
Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428593

HOPE YOU FIT THE BILL...
Non-smoking Mum with GSOH, 50, 5'13, blue eyes, medium-large build, loves music, gym, going out, travel, seeking down-to-earth, sincere guy. Box 442821

DIG DEEPER
Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover Box 435441

LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE
Help me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, I'd just need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make the grade. Box 892640

JUST IMAGINE
Pettie, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, looking for friends. WLTm genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

READ BETWEEN THE LINES
Blonde, 49, 5'14, brown eyes, slim, enjoys music, dancing, dining in/out and gardening, GSOH, shy at first. Looking for honest man for friendship, maybe more. Box 904969

WHITESTABLE WUNDERLAND
Hi, I'm Vette, 50, separated, blonde hair/blue eyes, size 12, 5'2", likes cinema, meals and drinks out, reading, walks, looking for male, 40-60, for relationship. Box 420160

PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!
Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'1", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTm fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10+", to share life. Box 163637

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SOPHISTICATED SUE
Sue, 56yr old, 5'14, green eyes, petite, loves cooking, holidays, reading and swimming, with a tall professional male, similar age, for friendship and romance. Box 443309

LOVE FEELS ALRIGHT
Firtatious, energetic female, 57, 5'13, blonde hair, curvy, loves dancing, walking, seaside, films, fun, life! Seeking special male to spoil, pamper and enjoy laughter with. Box 443672

A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP
Semi-retired nurse, 58, likes movies, walking, music, WLTm male, 58-62, kind, caring, for companionship and more. Box 443795

MAKE ME PURR
Happy-go-lucky lady with nice smile, 62, 5'13, medium build, brown hair/eyes, enjoys dancing, walking, eating in/out, animals, seeking loving man for friendship/long term relationship. Box 443171

THE GOLDEN YEARS
Blonde female 62yr old, divorced, slim, enjoys walks and trips to the seaside, with a male, 59-64, for a loving companionship. Kent area only please. Box 442443

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MAKE ME LAUGH, MAKE ME YOURS
Outgoing, gregarious, fun-loving non-smoker, 63, slim, 5'4, very active, loves walks, the countryside, POI, animals; seeking similar male, caring, tactile, GSOH, to be my soulmate. Box 443644

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME...
Widow, 48, 5'6, 5'14, dark hair/eyes, medium build, N/S, loving, caring, no-nonsense, enjoys travelling, socialising, eating in/out, seeking similar male to enjoy life with. Fife. Box 441177

GENUINE LOVER & FRIEND
Genuine lady, 65yr old, 5'4, enjoys walking, gardening and eating out, lots of life to give, with a sincere gentleman for a LTR. Box 442065

TO MAKE EACH OTHER HAPPY
Widow, 65, 5'3, fair hair, slim-medium build, enjoys dancing, sports, badminton, table-tennis, walking, theatre, eating out, WLTm a similar female, honest, caring, to enjoy life with. Box 443671

CUTE SMILE
Tracey, 23, 5'12, green eyes, slim, laid-back, enjoys meals out, pubs and clubs, WLTm a similar female for a relationship. Box 443248

CANDLELIT CUDDELES!
40-year old gay woman, likes nice wine, candlelight, the sea, passionate people and places, muddy walks and cosy nights in, WLTm gay woman for friendship/relationship. Box 894541

Women seeking women

SO WHAT YOU WANT?
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NO TIME-WASTERS!
Genuine Frank, 61, slim brown hair, green eyes, romantic and sensitive, enjoys soul music, bowling, pubs and a care of a female, 33-40 for a LTR. Box 442674



MEN'S SPOTLIGHT

HOW CAN YOU RESIST?
Down-to-earth loveable guy, 30, 5'8, stocky, blonde hair/blue eyes, likes the finer things in life, going out, eating in, pubs, WLTm genuine girl for LTR. Box 441947

SECURITY & WARMTH
I'm 35, 6ft, have a beautiful 3yr old little girl, very honest, caring, looking for someone I can love and make a new life with... Box 896178

REAL MAN
Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blond, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTm like-minded, genuine female. Sarah, please call again, leave contact details! Box 430440

EVERYTHING I DO
Lee, driver, 39yr old, 6'13, dark hair, like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading, with a woman for friendship and romance. Box 889720

WARM ME UP
Single dad, 38, 6ft, large-stocky build, dark hair, great SOH, likes nights with chocs and DVDs, slim, sensual lady for hugs and more. Box 443643

HI LADIES
I'm 38, 5'11, average build, like pubs, restaurants, cinema, quiet nights with chocs and DVDs, seeking kind, happy female with GSOH, for honest relationship. Box 442056

RAU A ME?
Down-to-earth, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, etc evenings in. Box 914917

WORKS LIKE SEXKIS COUNTY GIRL
Hi, I'm 40, down to earth, reliable, honest, like keeping fit, going out, meals out, watching movies, seeking similar lady for lasting love & happiness. Box 889245

LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR
Outgoing young-minded male, 40, likes swimming, the gym, war games, books, cinema, castles, POI, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Box 443750

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE
Responsible stylish male, 40yr old, 6'17, enjoys socialising, music and eating out, looking for a fun-loving female to start a committed relationship with. Box 442641

PROFESSIONAL
Honest, easygoing professional single male, 38, 5'8", medium build, no lies, likes sports, going out, seeks outgoing woman for good times and bad. Box 934662

THE PERSON INSIDE
Muscular male, 42, 5'8, many interests, looking for that special lady 25-50, looks unimportant, to love & take care of. Box 443460

DON'T GO BREAKING MY HEART
Very easygoing, laid-back male, 43, 5'11, slim, hard-working, likes honest, socialising, eating out, evenings in, seeking loving, caring, honest, sincere female for love. Box 443719

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
43yr old, 5'8, medium build, average looks, gosh, seeks lass, 30-40, to share some good times with. Box 443410

BE THERE NOW
Old romantic, loyal, honest, 43, 5'17, brown hair, blue eyes, likes most things, WLTm female to settle down with. Box 443410

NO TIME-WASTERS!
Genuine Frank, 61, slim brown hair, green eyes, romantic and sensitive, enjoys soul music, bowling, pubs and a care of a female, 33-40 for a LTR. Box 442674

SILVER SERVICE!
Caring, understanding, not bad-looking romantic male, 42, grey-silver hair, stocky, enjoys cooking, quiet nights in, seeks female, for romance, possible more. Box 157789

MAKING THE MOST OF LIFE
Proud Dad, 44, 5'8, blue eyes, brown hair, slim, likes the gym, golf, mountain biking, WLTm shorter lady with nice personality, GSOH, for potential love. Box 443688

BIG DEAL IN DEAL
Warm, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to love. Box 389597

LOOKS UNIMPORTANT
Goes socialising, 45, seeking sweet female 18-40, N/S, for friendship and more. Box 338099

WITTY
Active, adventurous, articulate male, 43, own home, enjoys shopping, good food, country walks, music, most things, seeks honest, warm, trusting female. Box 440508

TO SHARE MY LIFE
Active male, 45, 6'2", enjoys most things in life, especially travelling and adventures. Seeking female for company or more. Box 920093

DEAR CUPID
Outgoing male, 47, very young-minded, enjoys sports, football, playing golf, loves nice wine, meals; seeking smart, elegant, easygoing lady for love & happiness! Box 435554

CAME FOR A LAUGH!
Dad of 2, 46, very romantic and full of life, enjoy wine/dining, looking for that special someone to share my life. Box 902411

IN YOUR EYES
Blond, blue-eyed male, 46, 5'8, enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship and more. Box 421664

PUPPY LOVE
Dog-loving guy, I've 47, 5'8, with short hair/green eyes, slim build. I love gardening, country walks, sports - football/tennis, DIY, animals. Box 428800

LET'S SEE WHERE IT GOES...
Gentle male, 46, 5'8, medium build, WLTm nice, attractive, friendly, with a lady who likes going out and socialising, for friendship first. Box 442869

ALL THE FUEL OF THE FAIR!
Well built, fun-loving, likes pubs, cinema, restaurants, theme parks, wlm female, 36-45, slim, for possible LTR. Cranbrook Box 737529

I AM HERE FOR YOU
6ft, 48, single dad, looking for fun friendship and relationship if you like what you hear then let me know. Box 900511

LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU
Busy business man, 50, medium build, enjoys cooking and eating out, with a female, 40-45, to wine, dine and entertain. Box

MOTORS NEWS



Make a Superb saving on your car insurance

SKODA is building a head of steam towards launching the all-new Superb executive model.

The latest boost is impressive insurance ratings against upper medium sector rivals, with the entry diesel 1.9 TDI PD 105bhp engine in 'S' trim rated Group 6E – three positions better than the outgoing Superb.

The entry petrol 1.4 TSI 125bhp engine also better its predecessor – rated Group 7E across all three trim levels.

The new Superb (from £15,490) goes on sale in the UK from 18 September and has already caught the eye with distinctive styling and double-function rear end with a bootlid that also hinges again to deliver hatchback versatility.



Smart goes after even more sales

SALES of Smart's Fortwo city car have rocketed nearly 100 per cent this year.

No other car brand in the UK market comes close to such explosive growth and the little sister brand to Mercedes-Benz seems keen to kick volumes even higher, with a Limited Two special edition out this week.

Based on the popular 71bhp Smart Fortwo Passion and able to return 70mpg on a run, the Limited Two sells as a coupé or cabrio from £9,575, undercutting the Passion's £10,495 while gaining extra kit.



'Thanks girls' says Audi after collecting award

IT'S not clear what Audi's reaction is to the new A3 Convertible (from £22,300) being voted top convertible and Car of The Year by women's car-buying website evcars.com.

Of course the classy little soft top is a favourite with the ladies – especially in white – but did Audi really want the boys alienated quite so much?

After all, some versions of the car can do the 0-62mph dash in 7.4 seconds – more than enough to appeal to the well-heeled boy racer.



BOXER DIESEL: The rugged, high-riding Subaru Outback tested here, with its all-round comfort and smooth diesel engine, argues against the case for buying an SUV

Subaru's new legacy goes flat out for diesel sales

SUBARU would probably like to be seen as the BMW or Audi of the Japanese motor industry, but there is also something of Citroën in the way it adheres to 'pet' features.

There is its penchant for frameless door glass although it is not famous for convertibles – the usual raison d'être for such detail.

The brand is also known for all-wheel drive, but Subaru's most famous selling point must be its passion – like that of Porsche – for horizontally-opposed or 'boxer' petrol engines that deliver the lightness, low centre of gravity and flexibility that powered the brand to rally fame.

However, these excellent yet thirsty powerplants have become an Achilles Heel with the rise of diesels and fuel prices, along with the threat from global warming.

Subaru might have responded by buying a diesel off the shelf, although this would have caused horrendous re-engineering for current models.

Instead, the brand created something never seen before in the car market – a boxer diesel.

ROAD TEST SUBARU OUTBACK DSL

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

And what a lovely piece of work it is.

In the rugged and high-riding Outback estate (from £23,665) tested here, it argues strongly against buying an SUV when you can have much of the rough ground performance and traction of such cars with all the comfort and convenience of a conventional estate.

But the biggest benefit of all is the lower vibration and greater smoothness that the boxer layout brings to a diesel; it is an exceptionally smooth 148bhp two-litre unit considering the amount of punch low down the rev range and not only outperforms the 2.5-litre petrol alternative but should also average 25-30 per cent better fuel consumption – although this is available only as an auto and the new diesel has yet to gain more than a five-speed manual box.

As expected, the Outback's 4x4 layout offers incredible tenacity though a relatively softly-sprung suspension, which delivers such comfort on and off-road, combined with the higher ride height, allows some heeling on the bends.

The interior is tough and well-organised without the flashiness or flair of rivals and there is an endearing 'retro-ness'.

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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

ESTATES FOR ALL NEEDS

MPVs have stolen sales from more traditional sectors of the motor market, but do people gain enough extra space to offset less driver satisfaction, higher purchase prices and dull styling? Fact is you can still get much of what a used MPV offers by checking out secondhand estates and, like MPVs, they come in different sizes and classes. Our choice here offers widely different attractions; the Skoda is compact and dependable value, the Vauxhall a hugely capable load lugger, while the BMW is the epitome of an upmarket 'lifestyle estate'.

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SKODA OCTAVIA



If you have not yet woken to used Skoda bargains, smell the coffee now with one of the best – the stylish estate spin-off from the brand's own wake-up model, the Octavia. Mark 1 and 2s are now on the used market and diesels are the pick, though petrols can be bargains and the scorching vRS will put a smile on the face. The Octavia estate's real ace, though, is space within the modest dimensions of a VW Golf-based platform.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

BMW 3-SERIES TOURING



THREE generations ago, this car started the whole 'lifestyle estate' trend. Before that, estates were 'working cars'; after the first Touring was launched, the estate market split into load luggers for tradesmen and reps and trendy compact estates like the Beemer. As with all BMWs, the emphasis is on driver satisfaction and style while load-carrying comes second. Performance petrol engines are smooth and you can find bargains as fuel prices rise, while the refined diesels command ever better values.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

VAUXHALL VECTRA



WHAT will soon become the final Vectra model will also be remembered for the awesome estate. If you need size but your budget is limited then this is the car.

The secret is an extended wheelbase over and above the Vectra hatchback; combined with a huge rear opening and folding rear seats, this becomes the ultimate family estate car and an SRi or similar spec with alloys looks classy too. Diesels are the pick for low down power and economy.

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Driving appeal	★★★★★
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BMW

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CLAIMING back unfair VAT bills could become even more of a burden.

Under a proposed rule change, businesses are no longer entitled to claim costs at a tribunal, even if successful, according to leading accountancy firm Horwath Clark Whitehill.

Robert Warne, a partner at the firm, which has offices in Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells, said the change proposed by the Ministry of Justice will have a particularly severe impact on small and medium sized enterprises, which will be unwilling to invest time and money in the tribunal process if they cannot guarantee they will recoup the expense.

They often receive inaccurate assessments for relatively small amounts and in the past have appealed on the basis they would recover costs if successful.

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A NEW book promises to have you gripped with the thrill of the biggest and most hard-fought takeover battle of recent years.

Cold Steel – Britain's richest man and the multi-billion-dollar battle for a global empire is written by journalist Tim Bouquet and leading international PR consultancy managing director Byron Ouse.

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For ladies what lunch

AN all-female networking lunch to raise funds for the Heart of Kent Hospice will take place later this month.

Professionally Pink is organised by Kent accountancy firm Horwath Clark Whitehill, in conjunction with Ansacom, Clydesdale Bank and Brachers.

It is aimed at women from regional local businesses and the next one takes place on Wednesday, September 10, at Souffle Restaurant in Bearsted, near Maidstone. Guest speaker is Caroline Brinkman, from the Heart of Kent Hospice.

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HERE TO HELP: Bob Jones of Business Link urges small to medium-sized companies to come up with a business plan to help them ride the economic storm and continue to develop

Feeling crunched? A plan could help you through

■ BY TONY PATEY

BUSINESS plans are the most vital blueprints for survival a firm can have – but one in every four companies in Kent doesn't have one, according to recent research.

Almost three-quarters of county firms – 72 per cent – believe a downturn in the UK economy would have a negative impact on their business, as one would expect, but 33 per cent of those don't have a business plan to help them ride out an economic storm.

That's the latest news from Business Link, which provides the information, advice and support businesses need to start, maintain and grow.

It also found that more than two thirds of small and medium sized businesses (SMEs) interviewed for its quarterly South East Business Monitor expect economic conditions in the UK to get worse over the next year.

With the housing market taking a hammering, construction companies understandably believe an economic downturn would have a

negative effect on their business – with a quarter saying it would have a strong negative impact – but the business and financial services sectors are less likely to believe that.

Business Link says only 62 per cent of those businesses – compared with 68 per cent across all industries – reckon their work would be hit hard by a downturn, possibly because they're focused on business-to-business markets and don't rely on the economic health of consumers.

Business Link's Bob Jones said: "Although not all businesses in Kent will be affected equally by the economic downturn, most are worried to some extent, so now is the time for them to take action."

"We work with more than 25,000 businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs across the county and our experience shows that growing companies are much more likely to take time out to plan for all eventualities. Those who plan should be better equipped to weather a storm."

"There are steps that can be taken to make battling a downturn in the economy that bit easier. Having a sound business plan in place is an excellent start and can allow companies to plan for various scenarios."

"You may need to think about improving cashflow, diversifying, exploring new markets, becoming more efficient, or focusing on your business's unique selling point (USP) such as the quality of your customer service."

"Even if you have a business plan, it is vital to review it. We have experienced advisers who can go through plans step-by-step – it's a free service, you really have nothing to lose."

Companies can take immediate action by making sure sound credit control systems are in place. The average small firm is owed £30,000 in unpaid invoices, with 29 per cent of businesses surveyed believing they would go bust if they were owed just £20,000.

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Sibton Park in with a chance of survival

SIBTON Park registered a morale-boosting winning draw against Orpington in their fight to stave off relegation from Division One.

Batting first, Sibton scored 240 for the loss of just two wickets from their 50 overs.

The opposition scored just 191 runs and never looked like overtaking Sibton's total, but the Park bowlers could only claim six wickets in the process.

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Olympic champion Jamie Staff reveals how he almost quit cycling in 2004

Samarasinghe is main man in big Folkestone win

FOLKESTONE'S 18-run win over Broadstairs at the weekend all but relegated the Thanet club to Division Two next season.

Broadstairs are bottom of Division One and are 11 points behind eighth-placed Whitstable, who have a game in hand.

The game started well for the visitors, who managed to bowl Folkestone out for 141 with two balls to spare. The home side's top three all got starts for Folkestone but some tight bowling from Fakir Dungaria and Scott Narraway ensured they lost wickets at regular intervals. Luke Sage hit 25 and Himanshu Waingankar scored 26 in a disappointing total for the home team.

CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

Broadstairs would have fancied chasing down the total until the ball was thrown to Luke Samarasinghe, who turned the game on its head. Samarasinghe took six Broadstairs wickets, including that of top scorer Dungaria for 60, to bowl the visitors out for 123.

Apart from Dungaria, only Oliver Robinson and Terry Bond registered double figures for Broadstairs as they failed to chase down a low total. It was Broadstairs' ninth defeat of a disappointing season.



IN THE RUNNING: Folkestone (batting) just beat Broadstairs at the weekend

Kent League Division One Folkestone 1st XI v Broadstairs 1st XI

Folkestone

	Runs
Luke Sage lbw b Dungaria	25
L Samarasinghe ct Marshall b Snarraway	21
Himanshu Waingankar ct Bond b Ellison	26
Daniel Clark ct Brennan b S Narraway	1
Laurence Ward ct Dungaria b Ellison	17
A Stanley ct Marshall b L Narraway	14
David Miles c & b Marshall	21
Andy Bray b Marshall	5
Thomas Cullen run out	1
John Champion lbw b L Narraway	2
Michael James not out	0
Extras (1b 4w 2nb)	8
Total (all out, 49.4 overs)	141

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Liam Narraway	8	0	28	3
Sam Winsor	6	1	17	0
Fakir Dungaria	15	1	31	1
Scott Narraway	8	5	11	2
Ashley Ellison	8	1	31	2
Andrew Marshall	5	0	21	2

Broadstairs

	Runs
Paul Ogburn lbw b James	3
Terry Bond b Champion	16
Oliver Robinson ct James b Samarasinghe	28
Scott Narraway lbw b Champion	0
Fakir Dungaria ct Stanley b Samarasinghe	60
Neil Brennan ct Clark b Samarasinghe	7
Sam Winsor run out	5
Liam Narraway c & b Samarasinghe	0
A Marshall ct Waingankar b Samarasinghe	3
Stuart Wiseman lbw b Samarasinghe	0
Ashley Ellison not out	0
Extras (1b)	1
Total (all out, 43.2 overs)	123

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Michael James	7	1	14	1
H Waingankar	10	2	25	0
John Champion	15	2	50	2
L Samarasinghe	11.2	2	33	6

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE 1A

New Ash Green v Betteshanger Colliery Welfare

AN UNBEATEN half century from Joffey Towe helped Betteshanger Colliery Welfare to a three wicket win at the weekend.

The home side were put into bat and struggled to 164 all out inside 45 overs. They were indebted to Ian Martin's 54 as all of Betteshanger's five bowlers took wickets. Michael McNicholas was the pick of the attack with 3-41.

In reply, Towe's unbeaten 52 helped his side over the line despite some good bowling from the home attack.

McNicholas also did well with the bat, scoring 32 to ensure Betteshanger's tail wagged.

New Ash Green

	Runs
Matthew Quattrill	25
Ian Martin	54
Marc Kius	4
Matt Scanlan	1
Ian Davies	0
Andy Mayers	0
Mick Sumner	11
Vic Mayers	28
Lee Saunders	1
David Baker	10
Paul Sumner	17

Extras (7b 2lb 3w 1nb)

Total (all out, 44.3 overs)

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Andrew McNicholas	11	1	49	2
Steven King	12	5	28	1
Jamie Towe	7	3	17	2
Michael McNicholas	10	2	41	3
Clive Towe	4.3	1	20	2

Betteshanger

	Runs
Clive Towe	52
Liam Collins	10
Jamie Towe	15
Joffey Towe	52
Garreth Friend	9
Andrew McNicholas	16
Michael McNicholas	32
Derek Towe	8
Darren Fletcher	7
Steve McNicholas	7
Steven King	7

Extras (2b 4lb 7w 3nb)

Total (7 wickets, 46.1 overs)

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Mick Sumner	12	2	26	0
Andy Mayers	12	4	21	3
Lee Saunders	7	1	30	2
Matt Scanlan	5	0	23	0
Vic Mayers	4	0	34	1
Paul Sumner	6	0	26	1

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE 2B

Borstal 2nd XI v Deal Victoria & Barns Close 2nd XI

JOHN Cunningham was the star of the show for Deal Victoria as his five wicket haul helped Borstal.

The visitors set a competitive total of 192-7 thanks to Frank Packman's 48 and Ben Martin's 41.

It was then left to Cunningham, who ripped through the Borstal middle order, claiming superb figures of 5-28 from his ten overs.

Stephen Thompson also claimed 1-5 from eight tight and accurate overs as Deal closed out a comfortable win by 84 runs.

Deal Victoria

	Runs
Frank Packman	48
Ben Smith	3
Matthew Carley	1
Ben Martin	41
John Cunningham	14
Tim Toon	29
William Marshall Jr	13
Ian Bone	11
Stephen Thompson	0
Charlie Smith	0
Joe Price	0

Extras (11b 5lb 15w 1nb)

Total (7 wickets, 46 overs)

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Nick West	12	2	31	1
David Snelling	12	5	34	1
Mark Tandy	7	1	37	0
Charlie Wardzinski	5	0	24	3
Phil Wasseff	6	1	19	2
Josh Knights	4	0	31	0

Borstal

	Runs
Nick West	0
Phil Knights	0
Mark Tandy	8
Solrab Peerbaccus	39
David Snelling	0
Lee Round	1
Alex Francis	2
Frani O'Neill	10
Charlie Wardzinski	12
Josh Wasseff	0
Lewis Huitson	0

Extras

Total (8 wickets, 46 overs)

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
John Cunningham	10	1	28	5
Stephen Thompson	8	5	5	1
Joe Price	4	0	20	1
Charlie Smith	4	1	7	1
Ian Bone	7	3	11	0
Ben Martin	4	2	2	0
Frank Packman	5	3	2	0
William Marshall Jr	4	0	17	0

KENT PREMIER LEAGUE DIVISION

Sandwich Town 1st XI v St Lawrence & Highland Court 1st XI

SANDWICH Town slumped to a disappointing 67-run defeat to St Lawrence & Highland Court to all but confirm their relegation from the Premier Division.

The visitors scored 253-8 from 55 overs thanks to 61 from Claran Morgan, 45 from Charlie Hemphrey and David Smith's 40. Craig Spanton and Leon Johnson each took three wickets for Sandwich. In reply, Town never got going as Stuart Smith top scored with 35.

Sandwich will have to beat Sevenoaks at the weekend and hope Lordswood slip up of they are to preserve their Premier Division status.

St Lawrence & Highland Court

	Runs
Dominic Chambers	21
Daniel Stickle	14
Paul Dixey	26
Charlie Hemphrey	45
Lewis Jenkins	17
David Smith	40
Claran Morgan	61
Alex Day	6
Ben Trott	10
Benjamin Easter	6
Harry Callaway	0

Extras (2b 2lb 3w)

Total (8 wickets, 55 overs)

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	15	1	65	3
Jack Bradley	8	1	38	1
Matthew van Poppel	11	0	62	0
Leon Johnson	15	1	53	3
Robert Goatham	5	0	31	1

Sandwich

	Runs
Craig Snell	15
Stuart Smith	35
David Draper	29
Leon Johnson	11
Kevin Beaumont	20
Robert Goatham	13
Steve Wellard	30
David Scarr	0
Craig Spanton	0
Matthew van Poppel	5
Jack Bradley	14

Extras (6b 1lb 7w)

Total (all out, 44.2 overs)

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Ben Trott	10.2	1	45	3
Alex Day	10	3	39	2
Benjamin Easter	11	0	41	2
Charlie Hemphrey	12	1	47	3
Claran Morgan	1	0	7	0

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE 1A

Deal Victoria & Barns 1st XI v Nonington 1st XI

DEAL's batsmen put in a tremendous display to help them chase down what seemed an unlikely target against Nonington at the weekend.

After Jamie Sadler scored an excellent 135 as the visitors racked up 294-5, the Deal team must have thought they had lost the game. Instead they attacked from the start, with three of their batters registering half centuries. Austen Marsh started it off with 88 at the top of the innings and it was left to Robbie Braman and Andrew Miller to score unbeaten 50s to see their team home with just three balls to spare.

Nonington

	Runs
John Stone	23
Jamie Sadler	135
James Burrett	72
Kieron Burrett	1
Russell Stewart	41
Josh Tutton	7
James Anderson	1
Matt Sadler	0
David Luckhurst	0
Thomas Tutton	0
Chris Couden	0

Extras (8b 5lb 1w)

Total (5 wickets, 46 overs)

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Alex Hinkins	11	2	63	1
Scott McNamara	10	1	50	1
Graham McNamara	12	0	74	2
Thomas Killip	4	0	24	0
Robbie Braman	3	0	22	0
Stephen Moran	6	0	48	1

Deal Victoria & Barns Close

	Runs
Austen Marsh	88
Mark Birkett	0
Scott McNamara	20
Simon Farrow	48
Stephen Moran	0
Robbie Braman	51
Andrew Miller	56
Alex Hinkins	0
Ryan Taylor	0
Graham McNamara	0
Thomas Killip	0

Extras (12b 8lb 12w 1nb)

Total (5 wickets, 45.3 overs)

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Russell Stewart	12	1	59	1
Matt Sadler	10	0	44	4
Josh Tutton	12	2	63	0
James Burrett	3.3	0	32	0
David Luckhurst	5	0	42	0
Kieron Burrett	3	0	36	0

Whites forced to fight to victory

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

Boreham Wood 2 Dover Athletic 3

DOVER moved to second spot in the Ryman Premier League after an entertaining win at Boreham Wood at the weekend.

After racing into a three-goal lead, the Whites looked as though they would win comfortably but Boreham Wood came back at them and scored two late goals to make it a tense finish.

Shaun Welford followed up his winning goal against Margate on Bank Holiday Monday with another after just two minutes to help settle his side down.

The lead was extended when Frannie Collin scored his first for the season from the penalty spot after 26 minutes.

The game looked dead and buried when Collin extended Dover's lead in the 52nd minute.

However, Leon Archer's penalty 15 minutes from time and Lee

Allinson's 89th minute goal had Dover fans nervous, but the Whites managed to close out and claim all three points.

Boss Andy Hesselenthaler said after the game: "We played much better than we did against Margate, which is pleasing.

"The win is always good away from home but there is certainly more to come from us.

"We have scored three goals away from home, which is always good, and for an hour we played well but we were sloppy at the end to be honest, conceding two goals.

"At the end of the day we have got another three points."

Hesselenthaler has been delighted with his side's start to the Ryman Premier campaign and hopes they will be able to continue this rich vein of form throughout the season.

He said: "If you had said we would take four wins out of five I would have taken that.

"We have exceeded our target of ten points from the month. In fact we have picked up 12 from 15 so if we can keep doing that each month we will have a very good season."

• **The Whites were at home to Horsham last night.** For a report see www.yourdover.co.uk.



Picture SIMON HARRIS

OFF THE MARK: Frannie Collin scored his first goals of the season

Stones forced into a rematch by late goal

FOOTBALL

Sevenoaks Town 4 Folkestone Invicta 4

FOLKESTONE Invicta were forced into an FA Cup replay last night after they were held to a thrilling 4-4 draw at Kent League side Sevenoaks at the weekend.

Neil Cugley's side twice came from behind on Saturday before they eventually took the lead, only to be pegged back in the final five minutes.

Sevenoaks took the lead through Marcus Elliott's first half strike and the score was doubled when Andy Constable netted after an hour.

The Ryman South side got themselves back into the game through James Everitt before Jimmy Jackson levelled the scores after 63 minutes.

Steve Evans put the Kent League side back in front after 73 minutes, only to have that cancelled out by Jackson's second two minutes later.

Jimmy Dryden's third goal in three games gave Invicta fans hope they were in the hat for the next round but Adrian Griffiths



Picture IGOR KUPKO

HOT-SHOT: Jimmy Jackson netted twice for Folkestone Invicta at Sevenoaks

had other ideas as he netted with five minutes left to force the game into a replay.

In the league, Invicta go from strength to strength after their 1-0 win at Sittingbourne last Tuesday night. Dryden netted late on to earn his side three points which has seen them climb to third in the Ryman South.

Cugley has been happy with his side's start to the season and is confident his new players will only make the team stronger over the course of the campaign.

• **For a report on Invicta's replay last night,** visit www.yourshepway.co.uk.

Town claim their victory from top of league team

FOOTBALL

Hythe Town 2 Walton & Hersham 1

HYPHE Town dumped in-form Ryman South side Walton & Hersham out of the FA Cup in a dramatic tie at Reachfields.

The Kent League side had to come from behind to beat their opponents after Adrian Stone gave Walton & Hersham a 1-0 lead at the break.

Manager Paul Fisk must have said a few words at the half-time interval, as Town came out with renewed vigour in the second half to score two goals and progress into the next round of the cup.

Pat Kingwell gave his side hope when he netted for Hythe just five minutes after the break and the comeback was complete when the prolific Michael 'Buster' Smissen scored with 15 minutes remaining.

It was a big scalp for Fisk's side as Walton & Hersham arrived at Reachfields in fantastic form after winning all four of their opening games to leave them top of Ryman Division One



Picture IGOR KUPKO

WIN: Hythe claimed the scalp of Walton & Hersham with a fine display

South. However, Hythe have also been in good form so far this term and are yet to lose.

A return of two wins and a draw in the Kent League has seen them move up to fourth in the division and the club will hope for a similar run as last year when they just missed out on promotion and lost in the final of the Kent League Cup.

Fisk's side will have a tough challenge ahead of them on Saturday when they travel away to VCD Athletic.

Kick-off is at 3pm.



Picture ADY KERRY

IN THE RUNS: Kent vice-captain Martin van Jaarsveld

Kent still in the hunt for double success

CRICKET

KENT go into tomorrow's clash with Surrey still in with a chance of winning the County Championship.

Rob Key's side played out a thrilling draw with Yorkshire last week, a game in which Kent came back from the dead and almost claimed what seemed an unlikely victory.

The draw has left them third in Division One of the Championship, nine points behind leaders Nottinghamshire.

Key was without the services of vital all-rounders Yasir Arafat, Azhar Mahmood and Justin Kemp for the game at Scarborough, but hopes to have them back for Thursday's visit of Surrey to St Lawrence.

Martin van Jaarsveld was the rock of the first innings after he scored 107 of a disappointing total of 227. A sparkling 146 from Jacques Rudolph helped the Tykes, together with half centuries from Anthony McGrath and Adam Lyth, to 457 and a lead of 230. Neil Dexter held the Kent second innings together with 105, but a partnership between James Tredwell and Ryan McLaren helped them to 433.

Robbie Joseph claimed the prize wicket of former England captain Michael Vaughan for a 14-ball duck as Yorkshire struggled against a rampant Kent bowling attack.

When skipper Darren Gough departed with the score on 166-9, Kent and Key would have fancied their chances of claiming a famous victory, but former England seamer Matthew Hoggard and Deon Kruijs managed to keep out the remaining 28 balls to deny the visitors the win.

While Key's side continue to do well in the Championship, they are also close to gaining promotion to Division One in the Pro40 competition. Rain ruined their game at Northampton on Monday, but a win against Surrey at the Oval yesterday could have seen them climb to second spot.

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